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Dr. Robert F. Thorne
Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
1500 North College Ave.
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Thorne:

Your collecting trip sounds interesting also. The particular part of California you mentioned is one of my favorite spots.

At risk of branding myself as a real "cornball", have to say that we thoroughly enjoyed the fair. We'd made quite a few inquiries and read up on the various exhibits, so devoted the few hours we had to the most outstanding ones - Vatican exhibit was especially beautiful, as were the U.S. Pavilion, GE, GM, Ford and a few others. Am always fascinated by anything Disney does, and of course his hand was very much in evidence at the fair, so we enjoyed those exhibits also. The 9 days on a British ship, Panama Canal crossing, Nassau, and Washington D.C. were of course the high points of the trip.

Here are a few specimens which are not too good, I'm afraid, but perhaps you can make something out of one or two.

No. 1 - From Live Oak, Sacramento Co. "Please give name of enclosed bush sample. The leaves reflect a gold color in the sun, and when in bloom the small fragrant, spicy, $\frac{1}{2}$ " bell-shaped flower is cream colored."

No. 2 - From Roseville, Placer Co. This arrived in poor condition. He simply wants to know the name of the plant.

No. 3 - From San Leandro, Alameda Co. "Because of feed being brought on the property we sometimes get quite a variety of weeds from outside. The enclosed grows to a height of 3 to 4 feet. Would you identify it?"

No. 4 - from Gilroy, Santa Clara Co. "Can you identify the enclosed? They are from a plant called Ramnis Alaternus or Italian Hawthorne. Have looked Hawthorne up in Bailey but there is nothing under that name. It grows 20 feet high and makes a good hedge." (I found Rhamnus Alaternus under Buckthorn - could this be it? MM).

The information you've been giving is just what we want.

Regards,

CALIFORNIA FARMER

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